

Torrance, California.  
July 3, 1928.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, July 3, 1928, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Trustees were present: Inman, Maxwell, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis. Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 1928, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the special meeting of June 27, 1928, were read and approved as read.

The Mayor ordered the opening of sealed bids, as had been advertised, for the purchase of a tractor.

The Clerk read the following bids:

Frank T. Hickey Co.	Model D Ford tractor	1797.50
	High speed, same as above	1847.59
R. F. Cheney	Fordson tractor Model D	2150.00
	McCormick-Deering tractor	2015.00
Schultz, Peckham & Schultz		
	Fordson tractor	578.60
	New Style Model D Trackson Tracks	1530.00
	Governor	23.50
	Tractor Fill	8.00
	Installation on Tracks	20.00
		<u>2160.10</u>
	Less allowance on wheels	<u>30.00</u>
	Total	2130.10

Trustee Wolfe moved that the bids be laid over until the next regular meeting for consideration. Trustee Raymond seconded the motion, which was duly carried.

Mayor Dennis stated that the regular order of business would be suspended in order to receive the report and recommendation of the City Engineer on the lighting proposition.

In his report Mr. Leonard called attention to the plans and specifications which had been prepared covering the lighting situation, pointing out the different zones into which the city had been divided, and showing the type of installation for each zone; also the plan followed to secure competitive pre-estimates from all lighting companies; that all the lighting companies in Los Angeles and one in Long Beach and Culver City had responded, with a total of 50 estimates, comprising different combinations of units. He called attention to the plan whereby these pre-estimates were to be submitted to a committee for study and spoke of the work done by this committee in arriving at a decision as to the type to be recommended to the Council, and how the recommendation had been unanimous in favor of the installation of cast iron standards, and that the committee had recommended that the Westinghouse installation be approved to the Council for acceptance.

Mr. Leonard made a comparison between the proposals of the Union Metal Company, for pressed steel poles, and cast iron installations, and stated that as between the two, the cast iron should outlast the pressed steel eight or ten times in period of endurance, and went on record as not favoring the proposal for the Union Metal steel pole, for one reason on account of the uncertainty as to combination trolley and light standard proposed to be installed by them, which was to be bolted direct to the foundation, instead of extending into the concrete foundation six feet, as

complying with the requirements of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, and calling attention to the fact that there apparently was some uncertainty in this regard on the part of the Union Metal Company, as evidenced by the fact that they had filed with the City a bond for \$15,000.00 covering the expense of changing to other tubular construction, provided the proposed installation should not prove satisfactory to the Pacific Electric Railway Company.

The Engineer, in stressing this point, realized that in case such a change should be necessary he, as the engineer, by recommending - or not protesting against - the installation in the first place, knowing there was an admitted possibility of the change having to be made on the part of the Metal people, would be considered remiss in duty.

Between the proposals of the Western Lighting Company, representing the King standard, and the proposal of the Westinghouse, using standards cast in Los Angeles by the Llewellyn Iron Works, the Engineer called attention to the pre-estimates of these two companies. The proposal of the King Company for \$111,571.00, including complete installation, with the lighting unit acceptable to the Engineer, including the price of 420 General Electric refractors, as against the Westinghouse estimate of \$123,582.90 for an equally acceptable light unit, with bylux refractors. The Engineer presented his opinion of the comparative efficiency of these refractors in considering his recommendation, and called attention to the fact that both were acceptable and that either the King or Westinghouse standard offered would have his endorsement; that there was a difference of \$12,000.00 in these two proposals; that he believed it would have been possible for the Council, at the time the estimates were first opened, to have been able to justify itself in bridging a difference of even two or three thousand dollars in favor of the Westinghouse, a Southern California product, but a difference of \$12,000.00 was, in his opinion, a gap which could not be bridged by the Council, and for this reason recommended to the Council that the pre-estimate offered on the King installation be considered, and that a petition, setting forth the selection of the King post, be circulated to obtain the desires of the property owners.

After a discussion joined in by light representatives and the public, Trustee Inman moved that a petition be circulated among the voters of Torrance, asking them to specify which light pole they wished selected and installed, and that the petition carry the names of the three companies represented here tonight. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly lost by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Wolfe and Inman.  
 NOES: " Maxwell, Raymond and Dennis.  
 ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Maxwell read:

RESOLUTION NO. 362.  
 REGARDING SERVICES OF THE APPOINTED COMMITTEE  
 TO RECEIVE PRE-BIDS ON LIGHTING PROPOSITION  
 (Which same he asked the Council to pass)

Trustee Wolfe moved that Resolution No. 362 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Raymond seconded the motion, which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 172.  
 RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY.

Trustee Inman moved that Ordinance No. 172 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Raymond seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Inman, Maxwell, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " None.

Mr. Leonard presented a map, submitted by the Hollywood Riviera, requesting approval of the Council to a change in the street so as to move the Club House into Torrance, and recommended its approval.

Trustee Wolfe moved that the map be approved. Trustee Inman seconded the motion, which was duly carried.

Application for a Club license, as heretofore requested, was deferred for further investigation on motion by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Wolfe, and a majority vote.

As to the used car license requested by Mr. Smith, Attorney Briney wished to report later to the Council as a committee of the whole.

Trustee Wolfe moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the City printing for the ensuing year.

Trustee Inman seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Inman, Maxwell, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Maxwell moved that the City books be audited at an expense not to exceed \$300.00. Trustee Inman seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Inman, Maxwell, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " None.

A recess of 10 minutes was declared.

Trustee Inman moved that the Council be authorized to appoint a committee of seven members to receive such additional guaranteed estimates for lighting as any companies may desire to file with them and make their selection of posts and present same to the Council.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Inman, Wolfe and Maxwell.  
 NOES: " Raymond and Dennis.  
 ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Wolfe moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Inman seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Inman, Maxwell, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " None.

At 12:00 midnight, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. B. B. B.  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

John Dennis  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance.